



Taylor lights up the stage

"A Man for All Seasons" reviewed

Last week for fall fun

Marion corn maze to close on Halloween

Plans proposed for Nussbaum expansion

By **ANDREW NEEL**
SPORTS EDITOR

"Vision 2016" is approaching its first big test with the proposed construction of a \$44 million science center.

"The new science center is the linchpin to make Vision 2016 successful," Jerry Cramer, Taylor's senior development officer, said.

The money will be used to renovate the existing Nussbaum Science Center and build an addition that will be connected to Nussbaum.

Officials desire to commence construction in the fall of 2007, but that date is not set in stone. For groundbreaking to be held, Taylor needs to have at least \$30 million in-hand and account for the remaining funds.

"Humanly speaking, this project is overwhelming. But, God willing, it will happen," Cramer said. "We have to work with the confidence that it will happen or we are already defeated."

The complex will be used primarily by Taylor's Division of Natural Sci-

ences, which encompasses six academic departments and accounts for 20 percent of declared majors among students.

The main features of the new building will be quality lab space and facilities allowing for greater interaction among students and faculty.

"This building will allow us to attract new students to Taylor, provide innovative teaching methods, increase research opportunities for students and reach out, both in the community and through global engagement," Mark Colgan, associate dean of the division of natural sciences, said.

According to Cramer, the fundraising for the building is the largest capital campaign in Taylor's history, targeted toward a specific department. The campaign is targeting high-end donors and foundations that may not have given to Taylor previously. Cramer believes the science department's recent national exposure through its work with NASA and two Taylor students' acceptance



NUSSBAUM SCIENCE CENTER



A new \$44 million science center has been proposed as the first step towards President Habecker's "Vision 2016." The new building will be constructed as an addition to the existing Nussbaum Science Center, which will be renovated. Officials hope the groundbreaking will take place in the fall of 2007, but the project will not begin until \$30 million has been raised.

to the Mayo Clinic Medical School in 2006, will help at-

tract donations.

"It's evident that we have

a strong science division for a small school," Cramer said.

"We're asking people to invest in Taylor's future."

Betsy's 5K benefits TU and Realife Spencer receives bond reduction



Photo provided Donna Downs

Betsy's brother, Peter Smith, and three of Betsy's former housemates, Jessica Cuthbert, Emily Dye and Laura Goley, honored Betsy's memory by participating in the 5K run/walk last Saturday. The proceeds were divided equally between Realife and the Betsy Smith Servant's Heart Scholarship fund.

By **KATE YODER**
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The rising sun Saturday morning in Decatur, Ill., promised a beautiful day after a week of rain. Around 7:45 a.m., hundreds of people poured into the parking lot of St. Mary's Hospital to participate in a 5K run/walk in memory of former Taylor student Betsy Smith, one of the four students killed in an accident last spring.

Theresa Miller, an employee at St. Mary's and a friend of Dan Smith, Betsy's father, developed the idea for the 5K while running the OneAmerica 500 Festival Mini-Marathon in Indianapolis last May. Miller thought the 5K would be an excellent way to raise money to aid Realife and other ministries with which Betsy worked.

Almost 500 people registered for the race, and many who could not attend made

financial contributions. The race raised \$10,000, with half benefiting Realife and half financing the Betsy Smith Servant's Heart Scholarship at Taylor.

The Decatur and Taylor communities responded in an overwhelming fashion by writing checks, volunteering on race day and lending support.

"People from places where Betsy worked were calling and saying, 'I'll do anything you need for this race. I'll do it for Betsy,'" Miller said.

Junior Sharde Armstrong thought the race was a wonderful way to honor Betsy's life and ministries.

"The one thing Betsy loved most was to see the people she loved the most in fellowship," Armstrong said. "[The 5K] integrated people from her home with people from Taylor."

Freshman Mary K. Smith, Betsy's sister, ran in the race

to honor her sister's memory.

"I know Bets would have loved the 5K," Smith said. "She definitely would want the focus to be on benefiting Realife and the kids involved there, not on herself or any of her accomplishments."

The day was bittersweet, celebrating a life well-lived but also highlighting Betsy's absence.

"While it was a beautiful joyous event, it was also a painful reminder that Betsy really is gone," Smith said. "I just kept thinking, 'I can't believe we're having a benefit run in honor of my sister's life.'"

The success of this race and the desire to spread Betsy's servant attitude has fueled Miller's passion to make the 5K an annual event.

"[The 5K] is a testimony to Betsy's life," Miller said.

By **LAUREN FREE**
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Judge Randall Johnson decided last week to reduce the bond of Robert Spencer, the semi-truck driver charged in April's accident.

Prosecutor James Luttrull Jr. explained the process preceding last week's trial had been slow but constant.

"What happened last week was a court hearing regarding the defendant's request for a bond reduction," Luttrull said. "We're still a long way from the actual trial."

Luttrull met with the Indiana State police last May to discuss which steps they should take in response to the tragedy. He explained that more police from the surrounding areas were enlisted to gather information for the case. A second meeting, at which the information was presented and discussed, was held in August.

In Sept., charges against Spencer were filed and a warrant was issued for his

arrest. The first hearing took place on Sept. 7.

At the Sept. 7 hearing, Spencer was charged with five Class-C felony counts of reckless homicide and four Class-C felony counts of criminal recklessness resulting in serious bodily injury. The nine counts represent the nine people in the van at the time of the accident.

"[Indiana Class-C felonies] are punishable anywhere from two to eight years for each of these counts," Luttrull said.

The court can also suspend any portion of Spencer's sentence or probation.

At last week's hearing, Spencer's bond was reduced from \$135,000 to \$75,000. The bond reduction created the possibility of Spencer being released from jail on a \$7,500 surety bond. This is a bond established by a bail bondsman, who pays the court the rest of the bail.

According to Luttrull, Spencer is still incarcerated, but certain conditions will

be established if Spencer is released on bond. Spencer would be unable to change residences without permission from the court. He would also be required to remain in weekly contact with the court.

The next hearing is scheduled for Nov. 29 to address the defendant's motion to remove the case from the Grant County court system.

The case, which is filed in Grant Superior Court 2, is currently set to go to trial on Jan. 8.

"We look forward to presenting our case," Luttrull said. "This was a terrible tragedy and we believe that we can prove that the defendant's conduct was reckless. He could therefore be responsible for the cost and harm suffered by individuals who died or were seriously injured."

*Information for this article was gathered from www.calsun.canoe.ca/News/World and www.chronical-tribune.com.

Taylor placed on President's honor roll Bush recognizes Taylor's humanitarian efforts

Taylor received the honor of being one of 17 colleges and universities from Indiana selected to appear on President Bush's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

Taylor received distinctions based on the annual Community Plunge event and involvement in the Hurricane Katrina relief effort.

This new recognition program was designed by President Bush to increase public awareness about the contributions college students are making to society and their local communities. The program also identifies and promotes community service model programs and practices in higher education.

Eligibility for this honor depends on a university's involvement in serving their community combined with other relief efforts. This year's special emphasis was recognizing those who responded to the hurricanes on the Gulf Coast in 2005.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, Taylor students, faculty and staff made two relief trips to New Orleans: one after the tragedy and one during fall break 2005. The Taylor administration also organized a "skip-a-meal" event at the DC and donated the proceeds to help hurricane victims.

*Information for this article was compiled from www.newslinkindiana.com, www.learnandserve.gov, and www.taylor.edu

Alumni return for Homecoming festivities



Photo by Alisse Goldsmith

Onlookers cheer as the participants of Taylor's Homecoming 5K walk/run begin their race. The annual event took place last Saturday morning and welcomed students, staff, faculty and alumni of all ages. Runners met at 8 a.m. in front of Zondervan Library. Prizes were awarded to the first place runner in every age category.



Photo by Alisse Goldsmith

Phillis Lantz Morrical reminisces with two friends from the class of '56 in the hall of the Rupp Communications center. The class of '56 returned to campus this year for their 50th class reunion. A number of buildings on campus were designated for different classes to fellowship together.



Photo by Alisse Goldsmith

President Habecker presents awards to Darren Youngstrom '00, and Joe Cebulski '98, for their outstanding accomplishments in track and field. Both alumni were inducted into the Taylor Hall of Fame during half-time of the football game last Saturday.

Vision for memorial prayer chapel discussed Accident victims to be remembered with a building of hope

BY CARRIE BRAGG &
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CONTRIBUTORS

Taylor University officials are planning to build a new prayer chapel and gardens as a memorial dedicated to students Laural Erb, Betsy Smith, Brad Larson and Laura VanRyn, and staff member Monica Felver, whose lives were claimed in the tragic accident on April 26.

Greg Eley, physical plant director for the Taylor University Upland campus, believes the prayer chapel will honor not just the April 26 victims, but all the people associated with Taylor who have passed on.

Taylor University officials are seeking a building plan that is larger than our current prayer chapel, but more personal. The new chapel should hold between 40 and

60 people comfortably. Its location will also be more central to the students, potentially between Wengatz Hall and Zondervan Library.

"We want the prayer chapel to be available twenty-four-seven," Ron Sutherland, vice president of business and finance, said. "We want it to be a memorial to those who have died, but one that is full of hope and is Christ-centered. Our goal is that it will be a spiritual retreat and a place of tranquility."

Officials have accepted proposals from three different architects, but they have not made an official decision at this time.

University officials also sought input from the student senate.

Much of the funding for the memorial chapel is coming from various donations. Some of the contractors are willing to compensate for

part of the labor cost. The class of 1956 also chose to donate funds to the cause.

"Two architects expressed that they would do the project for free," Sutherland said. "They felt to be involved was important because this [is] more than just a project. [Building the memorial chapel is] an opportunity to offer their understanding of the situation we've been through."

Sutherland, along with many others involved in the building process, has high expectation for what the new chapel will offer students at Taylor.

"My biggest hope [is] that this would be one of those places that [students] come back to in years to come," Sutherland said. "Not only because of their memory of what happened, but also how it ... really affected them and their ability to communicate

and speak one-on-one with their Father."

Sophomore Kara Gearhart, a friend of Whitney Cerak who was critically injured in the accident last year, believes that erecting a prayer chapel is the perfect way to honor the accident victims.

"I think that the old [prayer chapel] has a lot of history, but it's wonderful that this new one will not only be a place for people to go and be alone with the Lord, but to honor those who have gone before us," Gearhart said. "[The victims] all ... set great examples for us in their Christian walks, and this is an excellent way to honor that."

Construction on the memorial prayer chapel could begin as soon as the summer of 2007. Groundbreaking for the project could potentially occur in March or April of this school year.

Schedule of activities for Parents' Weekend:

Friday

•10:00 a.m.
Chapel Service

•12:00-8:00 p.m.
Registration

•7:30 p.m.
TU Theatre Presents
"A Man for All Seasons"

•8:00 p.m.
Tim Zimmerman in
Concert

Saturday
•6:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Registration

•9:00-10:00 a.m.
Family Devotional
Hour

•1:00 p.m.
Football Game

•4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Harvest Buffet

•7:30 p.m.
TU Theatre presents
"A Man for All Seasons"

•8:00 p.m.
Larnelle Harris in Con-
cert with TU Chorale
and Sounds

Sunday
•10:00 a.m.
Worship service - Dr.
Eugene Habecker,
speaker

•11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Lunch

•2:00 p.m.
Alpha Chi Induction
Ceremony

One summer can change everything

Working in a Russian orphanage last summer deeply impacted senior Dallas Alcala

BY LAUREN HARTSHORN
FEATURES EDITOR

When senior Dallas Alcala boarded a plane for Russia last summer, she did not anticipate how challenging and rewarding the trip would be. However, after only two months abroad, Alcala returned to America a changed person.

"[The trip] was intense. I didn't know if it was good at the time, when I was there, because I struggled a lot with seeing the things that I did ... but now I would definitely go back," Alcala said.

Alcala worked at an orphanage in the Vladimir region of Russia, a provincial area outside Moscow. She resided in a one-room apartment 30 minutes from the orphanage, and either rode her bike or walked to work.

Alcala cooked and cleaned for the children over a two month period. She also led their Bible study, focusing on Hosea and other stories that explicitly portrayed God's love.

"Some [Russian] orphans turn to prostitution and there's a high sex rate in orphanages," Alcala said. "[The children] started questioning God because they didn't understand how He could put both [good and evil things] in the world."

Many of the children at the orphanage were not orphans; their parents were simply too poor to support them.

There were many parents living near the orphanage who visited their children. These parents sometimes brought their children home for a few weeks so they could work in the fields. When this

is the value assigned to children, Alcala said, they quickly lose their sense of worth.

"[The children] didn't understand hope [and] they didn't understand why ... their parents lived a mile away and didn't want to be with them," Alcala said. "It seemed like [the children] didn't have much hope, and so that was my goal [in Russia] – I just wanted to give them some hope."

The government-run orphanage was a trade school where children learned skills for jobs in transportation, sewing or farming. The government gives all children placement tests to see if they are intelligent enough to attend public school. Alcala said since the children at the orphanage were not attending school prior to the testing, they didn't do well on the tests and were deemed too unintelligent to attend public schools.

"The system's so stacked against [orphans] that they don't know how to operate in society," Alcala said. "Orphans are the outcasts of [Russian] society and for [people] to even hang out with [the orphans] is not heard of."

This societal system creates many problems. Alcala said that only 2 percent of Russian orphans successfully transition into regular society after leaving orphanages. The rest either commit suicide or simply disappear from society and are assumed dead. Many end up with drug or alcohol abuse problems.

When Alcala arrived in Russia, she felt that she wold



Photo courtesy of Dallas Alcala
Alcala was able to befriend the children at the orphanage as she interacted with them in Bible studies and cooked and cleaned for them.

be able to relate to the children she encountered. Alcala grew up with a mother who died from drug and alcohol problems. She used this difficult experience to minister to children in similar situations. Alcala shared her life story with the children three weeks after arriving in Russia.

"It was probably the second hardest time I've ever had sharing my story with people because I knew [the children] could relate more than Taylor students [could]," Alcala said. "These

kids knew about pain. They knew about it and they understood that pain ... of questioning God."

After the children heard Alcala's story, some raised questions about God and faith.

"They asked 'How is God good in spite of [pain]?' " Alcala said.

When reflecting on her time in Russia, Alcala could see the positive outcomes of the difficult experience. "[The practicum] was good [because] I saw the world and I saw what God's dealing with – the pain and the suffering and sin in the world," she said.

Alcala returned to the

United States earlier than planned so she could process everything that happened while in Russia. Alcala took the trip alone, without a support system, and was ready to return home. Regardless of her isolation, she said that the trip was a fantastic learning and growing experience.

Discovering Local Treasures

- Marion Corn Maze -

BY LAUREN HARTSHORN
FEATURES EDITOR

When fall descends upon Taylor and the weather starts to change, seasoned students know the cold of Indiana winter is near. To students wanting to enjoy the waning days of fall, a corn maze in Marion provides excellent outdoor entertainment.

This weekend through Halloween is the last time this year that Taylor students can visit the corn maze. The small project is not widely advertised, but that has not stopped resourceful students and local residents from spending a few hours enjoying this fun activity.

The Marion corn maze is run by the First Friends Church youth group, nicknamed "The Heard." After taking many youth group trips to other corn mazes, The Heard's leaders decided to make their own maze this year. Youth pastor Nick Embry described the decision to create the church maze as an outgrowth of The Heard's love for corn mazes.

"In the fall of 2003 I started

talking to the people who ran those [mazes] on how exactly they did it," Embry said. "[The other leaders and I] ... decided that since there wasn't one close by, that [making our own] would be a great project for our youth group. And it was. It has been the highlight of our year."

The maze was a large undertaking for the youth group. According to Embry, planning for the maze begins in July with the planting of the corn, and then the maze is plotted and cut into the field.

"It [also involves] keeping the path clean and just praying for rain and humidity for the corn to grow," he said. "It is a huge project."

For the brave, there is the Spooky Corn, a "haunted" path that contains many heart-stopping thrills. For those who want the challenge without the scares, there is a Regular Corn Maze with plenty of twists and turns.

Senior Christine Allen said the Spooky Corn seemed more popular than the Regular Corn Maze. "[The Regular Corn Maze]

was a lot of fun," she said. "[My friends and I] ... did find ourselves actually confused. After about 30 minutes we eventually got out, but [I] still don't know how."

Senior Alex Fillmore agreed with Allen.

"[I] doubted that wandering around in a dark field would prove itself to be amusing, but it certainly did," Fillmore said.

The Regular Corn Maze is open Friday and Saturday from 6-11 p.m., and Sunday from 4-8 p.m. The Spooky Corn is also open Friday and Saturday from dark until 11 p.m. The Regular Corn Maze and the Spooky Corn will also be open on October 30 and 31 from 6-11 p.m.

The cost is \$5 for the Regular Corn Maze, \$8 for the Spooky Corn, or \$10 for both mazes. College students can save a dollar on either maze or \$2 on both with their college IDs. Visit www.corn-quakers.com or call 662-0078 for more information or to make group reservations.



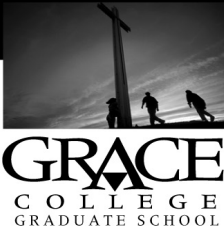
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Taylor theatre opens its doors



Photo by Amy Wood

"A Man For All Seasons" is Taylor's first theatre production this year. It opens tonight and will run for two weekends.

By DAVID PULLIAM
CONTRIBUTOR

"A Man for All Seasons," a play about Sir Thomas More, a Roman Catholic martyr during the reign of King Henry VIII, opens tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Mitchell Theatre.

"A Man for All Seasons" examines the end of the life of More, surrounded by some of England's history during the 16th century. In doing so, the play gives a fitting testimony to the value and worth of defending one's beliefs.

In 1527 King Henry tried to divorce his first wife, Catherine of Aragon, and marry Anne Boleyn. First, he had to get the approval of the pope, who would not give the king permission to divorce. King Henry was angered by the pope's refusal, so he forced the Lord Chancellor to resign and appointed Thomas More, a man of whom the king approved, as Lord Chancellor in 1529. Because of this bitter altercation with the pope, King Henry left the Roman Catholic Church and created a church with himself as the head.

More was a devout Roman Catholic, loyal to Rome. He opposed King Henry's new church, and refused to sign the king's Act of Succession (which

decided the heir to the English throne).

More was charged with treason, but refused to defend himself against this accusation. Because he defied the king (who was now also the church leader), More was executed.

The play only deals with More's life between 1529 and 1535, but its focus is to portray more than just a part of history.

"It's a historical play, but it's not right out of a history book," Tracy Manning, the play's director, said.

"A Man for All Seasons" was written in 1960 by Robert Bolt and has been made into two movies.

Sir Thomas More is being played by sophomore Thomas Nicol. William Roper, More's son-in-law, is played by freshman Stefan Wessman. Thomas Cromwell, a man who presses charges against More, is played by freshman Ben Aalderink. Also, the Duke of Norfolk, a close friend of More who is pressured by the king to convict More and sentence him to death, is played by sophomore Aaron Huddleston.

"A Man for All Seasons" will be showing tonight and Saturday this week as well as Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week. Tickets can be purchased for \$6 at the communication department office.

Senior Matthew Rohland reveals his 'Testimonial'



Photo by Amy Wood

Matthew J. Rohland introduced his senior art exhibit on Oct. 23. The show, called "Testimonial," features nine vibrant color paintings. "'Testimonial' is a show of scrambled chronology, of simple truths, of a journey we have all travelled," reads Rohland's explanation of his artwork. "The show is my self-portrait, and it is yours. 'Testimonial' correlates to a portion of my life, while remaining universally ambiguous." The painting shown here is entitled "All Will Be Provided."

'The Prestige' makes cine-magic

By BRIAN LAING
CONTRIBUTOR

Many magicians correctly guess a card picked out of a deck, pull a quarter from behind someone's ear, or steal someone's nose. None of these tricks, however, compare to the cinematic magic of "The Prestige."

Two apprentice magicians, Rupert Angier (Hugh Jackman) and Alfred Borden (Christian Bale), love performing magic tricks. When they wake up, they sprinkle magic dust on their waffles. When they fall asleep, they dream of bunny rabbits coming out of hats and women being sawed in half. The two men are constantly pondering the mechanics of slight-of-hand and illusion in order to be the best performers in 19th century England.

Cutter (Michael Cain) gives Angier and Borden small roles in the magic act he manages, and encourages them to experiment and create new illusions. During a performance, a tragic onstage accident caused by Borden hurls the pair into an intense rivalry. The two pursue their careers separately and only meet for vengeful purposes. When Borden finds a way to create the ultimate illusion, "The Transported Man," Angier is wrought with jealousy and is willing to pay any price to discover the secrets behind Borden's trickery.

"The Prestige" contains one of the most complex storylines I've ever witnessed. Director Christopher No-

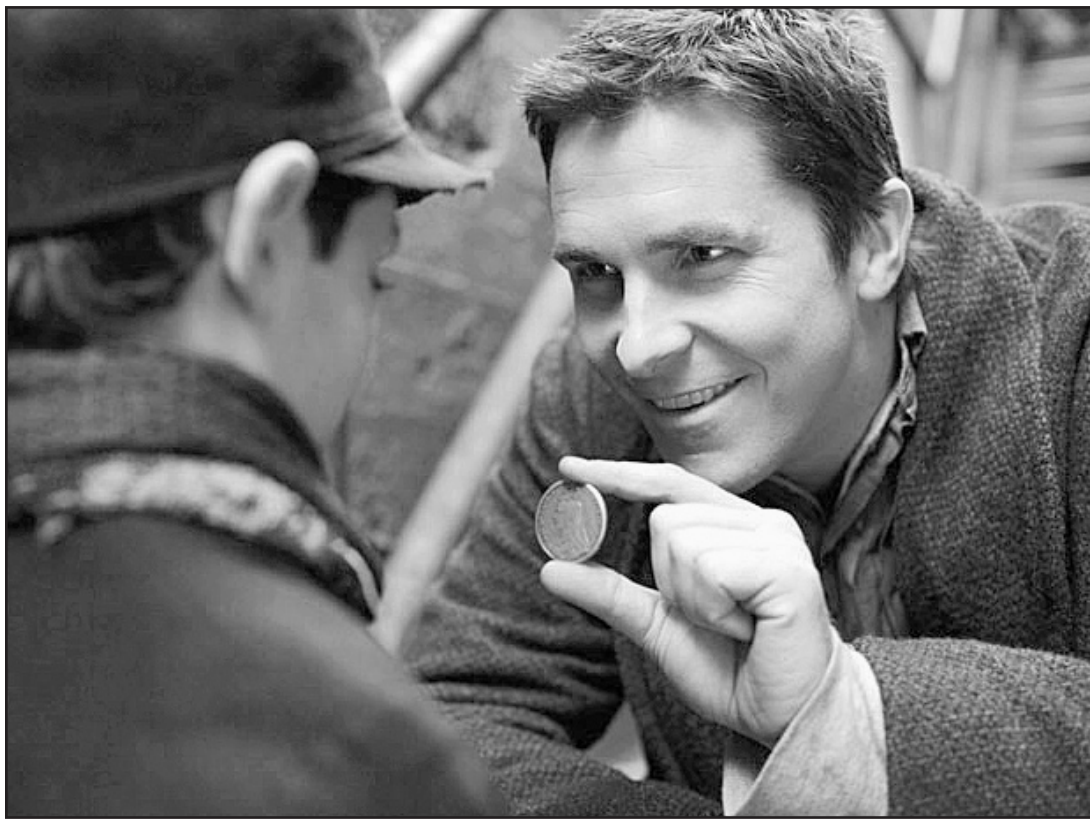


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"The Prestige," starring Christian Bale (right) and Hugh Jackman, is not be confused with "The Illusionist," another magician period piece starring Edward Norton and Paul Giamatti, which is also currently in theaters.

lan ("Memento," "Batman Begins") does a marvelous job of giving the audience enough clues to think they understand what is happening, without actually revealing the next plot twist. Despite its intimidating span of two hours and 20 minutes, the movie is guaranteed to hold your attention, keeping your eyes transfixed on the screen until the very end.

Nolan also excels at setting an ominous and tense mood. It's obvious that everything onscreen, including the camera angles, imagery and lighting, is important to the story. Each of these elements helps keep the audience guessing,

trying to discover the subtle clues Nolan has deposited throughout the movie.

A complicated and lengthy movie such as "The Prestige" cannot be done without top-notch actors like Bale, Jackman and Scarlett Johansson. Who would have thought Wolverine could make a finch disappear from under a handkerchief, or Batman could tear a dollar bill and pull it out of his mouth whole? However, with all the effort poured into making the plot engaging, there is little cinematic magic left to sprinkle into the film's character development. The camera has little time to fo-

cus on Angier and Borden's feelings when much of the screenplay is devoted to action or foreshadowing. As a result, viewers may sense a lack of dynamism and emotion in the characters. This is a shame, given the incredible acting talent. Despite the amount of action, surprises and special effects "The Prestige" contains, viewers may still feel a little empty.

Overall, however, the movie is definitely worth seeing. Just plan on getting complex character development from another film.

(Movie Rating: 9 out of 10)

The Killers take us to 'Sam's Town'

By JOSH PORTER
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After listening to "Sam's Town," the sophomore album by The Killers, the first thing that came to mind was pizza. Let me explain. The Killers' first album, "Hot Fuss," was a grand achievement. Their songs were catchy and their sound was distinct and unique. It was very well-received, especially for a debut album. Listening to "Hot Fuss" was like eating a delicious cheese pizza with well-seasoned sauce and golden brown crust.

Normally a pop/rock group who experiences this type of success releases another album as soon as possible. They could have released the same cheese pizza, but with slight melody and lyric changes, and still have made a fortune. However, they instead chose to create something entirely new. They took their distinct and successful style of music and added some new tricks. That's right, folks ... this pizza has toppings.

This extra level of polish is immediately evident in their choice of instruments. The Killers are still a rock band, so obviously they use the traditional bass guitar, drums, etc. Also, much like their first album, they rely on heavy reverberating synthesizers to supplement the chords of many songs. However, certain tracks on "Sam's Town" add xylophones, trumpets and other brass, timpani and even a rather ominous chorus of deep-voiced men.

It's clear the band wanted each song to have its own unique feel, while remaining familiar enough for fans to recognize The Killers' sig-



Photo courtesy of thekillersmusic.com

The Killers were formed in Las Vegas, Nevada in 2002. Their first album, "Hot Fuss," was released in 2004. "Sam's Town," their second album, came out on Oct. 3.

nature style. One song, "My List," has a style nearly identical to Queen's, but it sounds more like a tribute and less like a copy. For the most part, this album certainly sounds like The Killers, with a little extra maturity and boldness in the mix.

I was impressed by the poeticism of the lyrics on The Killers' first album. For instance, bands have written thousands of songs about lost love, but the song "Mr. Brightside" told the same story with real emotion. "Sam's Town" could have

done the typical follow-up to a smash hit debut album and sacrificed substance for chauvinistic gimmicks and sensationalism. Again, The Killers did the smart thing. They made their songs eloquent yet relevant.

"Uncle Johnny" tells of a man with a cocaine addiction and his sad downward spiral. "Why Do I Keep Counting" serves as a warning to remember your mortality, but not to be afraid of it. "When You Were Young" personifies our juvenile tendency to look for perfect

love, and challenges us to mature beyond idealism and fairytales. Not every song is as emotionally charged, but there's plenty of substance in the album overall.

It's impossible to compare "Sam's Town" with "Hot Fuss" and decide which album is better. Then again, there's really no need. Some prefer the cheese pizza, while others will love the new and delicious toppings on "Sam's Town." Either way, The Killers' latest album won't disappoint true fans. Eat up!

Opinions

Run, Lolly, run: York wins MCC title

Taylor has strong showing at conference meet



Photo by Tim Huynh
Senior Lolly York runs for the Lady Trojans during Saturday's MCC meet at Indiana Wesleyan. York finished first in the event with a time of 18:12 to earn her first conference title.

By ANNA DANIELS
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Thanks to the efforts of Lolly York and the Trojans, Taylor's cross country teams are one step closer to running in nationals.

Both the Trojans and Lady Trojans turned in solid performances on Saturday at the Mid-Central Conference Championships, which were held at Indiana Wesleyan.

The men's team placed second and the women's team, led by York's first-place finish overall, placed third.

Despite poor weather, the men's team finished with 64 points, only 15 points behind the IWU Wildcats, who won the meet with 49 points. Huntington finished third with 73.

"We were pleased with second," freshman Andrew Budd, who had a time of 29 minutes, said. "It was an improvement upon last year's third place finish. However, there's still room for improvement."

Indiana Wesleyan surpassed Taylor's men's team with five runners in the top 15, including fifth, sixth and ninth place.

Marian's Antony Kariuki took first overall with 25:57, but Taylor's sophomore Braxton Fritz and freshman Michael Pabody were close behind. They led the men's team, taking the second and third spots with 26:04 and 26:05, respectively. They ran most of the race together, finishing one step apart.

"It was nice to work together with Braxton throughout the race," Pabody said. "I think we run faster together than when we work alone."

Pabody, Fritz and freshman Tom Robertson, who finished 11th with a time of 26:44, earned All-MCC honors. Sophomore Chris Leman finished in 22nd with a time of 27:40, and junior Drew Smith placed 26th with 27:57 to round out the Trojan's top five.

Coach Ted Bowers said he thought the team ran with great mental awareness.

"Several times our guys made moves to jump gaps or challenge other competitors, and each time it was the perfect move. We ran very aggressively, but never out of our ability," he said.

Coach Bowers also noted his team's improvement over

the past couple weeks.

"The course was very slow, so our times do not look great," he said. "But we were five points closer to Indiana Wesleyan than two weeks ago and we realize the achievement in that."

In the women's competition, Spring Arbor took first with 42 points, while Indiana Wesleyan was second with 64. Taylor was a close third with 67 points.

Lady Trojan senior Lolly York had the fastest overall time, finishing in first place with a time of 18:12.

York earned her first conference title and a Little State title. She had a five-second lead in the first mile, led the entire length of the race and finished 15 seconds in front of the second-place runner.

"I knew that I had to take it out as hard as possible and really push the pace the whole way through," York said. "I definitely felt like I gave everything I had to finish where I did."

Taylor's other top runners were separated by only 13 seconds. Sophomore Tabitha Bogue placed 14th with a time of 20:05, freshman Hilary Pederson (20:10) finished

in 16th, junior Elise Knapp ran a 20:12 to finish 17th, and freshman Alyssa Johnson (20:18) placed 19th.

"I felt like I ran a solid race, but I didn't improve like I should have," Knapp said. "It was exciting to finish in such a solid pack with my teammates."

Coach Cindy Callison thought the team's national rating of number 23 (NAIA) would be hurt by its overall performance in the meet.

"We were all disappointed; we did not run our best race," she said.

However, Callison said she believed that one solid performance could easily get the team rated again.

"We will have to beat some key teams to get ranked high enough to make it to nationals," York said. "Knowing that, I think our team will be much more motivated and will train harder."

Taylor will return to Indiana Wesleyan on Nov. 4 for the NAIA Region VIII championship meet.

"At [the regional meet] we have a chance to all be on the same page and for our hard work this season to pay off," Bogue said.

Golden Tornadoes tear up Trojans 36-6

By AMY WATKINS
CONTRIBUTOR

The Taylor football team spent fall break in Pennsylvania in order to play the Geneva Golden Tornadoes.

Unfortunately, the Trojans were caught in Geneva's twister and lost to the home team by a score of 36-6.

Taylor (1-6, 0-4 Mid-States Football Association) managed to hold Geneva (3-3, 1-2 MSFA) to only a field goal

in the first quarter, but the Tornadoes exploded with 21 second-quarter points on their way to 340 yards of total offense.

After two sustained touchdown drives early in the second quarter, Geneva quarterback Justin Sciarro completed a 31-yard pass to Luke Duriancik in the final seconds of the first half.

Duriancik's touchdown reception gave the Tornadoes a 24-0 lead.

Taylor junior linebacker Kevin Nielsen said he was frustrated by his team's defensive struggles.

"They came out with a very good passing attack, and we weren't expecting a lot of their formations," he said. "Their record didn't reflect the way they played."

Taylor's offense also had a difficult time against Geneva. The Trojans only score of the game came on an 80-yard touchdown run by junior

running back Anthony Lee during the third quarter.

Taylor sophomore quarterback Patrick Rich and junior quarterback Trennen Kidder each threw passes that were intercepted, one of which was returned for a 95-yard touchdown by Geneva.

"I think that we need to cut down on the mental mistakes," Rich said. "Losing is really frustrating, and we play to win. You just have to fight through it."

Adding to the frustration was the notoriously bad condition of the Geneva field.

"Playing in tall grass and a slick muddy field was the most difficult aspect of playing Geneva," coach James Bell said. "It was very difficult to stand up."

The Trojans must now focus on the last three games of the season, two of which are at home.

Despite the difficulties the team has faced this season,

the Trojans remained optimistic about the prospect of victory against more evenly matched opponents.

"We feel great about the rest of the season," sophomore linebacker Mark Kelly said. "We just can't wait to play again, because we want to prove to everybody that we really can play."

Taylor will go for its second victory of the season this Saturday at 1 p.m. in a conference game against Malone.

Trojans Sports

(Home games in bold)

Football

(1-6, 0-4)

L, 49-0 St. Francis

L, 36-6 Geneva

Upcoming games:

Saturday

Malone 1 p.m.

Volleyball

(29-10, 6-2)

L, 3-0 Indiana Wesleyan

(3-1), St. Francis Invitational

W, 3-0 Grace

Upcoming games:

Nov. 1

at Indiana Tech

Men's Soccer

(4-11-2, 2-5-1)

L, 2-0 Marian

W, 1-0 St. Francis

L, 2-1 (OT) Spring Arbor

Upcoming games:

Saturday

MCC Tournament

Women's Soccer

(3-10-1, 2-5-1)

L, 2-1 St. Francis

L, 2-1 Indiana Wesleyan

L, 2-1 Marian

L, 4-0 Bethel (MCC Tourney)

Season concluded

Men's Tennis

(5-5, 4-3)

5th place, MCC Tournament

Season concluded

Women's Tennis

(5-7, 2-6)

6th place, MCC Tournament

Season concluded

Cross Country

(Men's)

2nd of 9, MCC

(Women's)

3rd of 9, MCC

Lady Trojans defeat Grace 3-0

By KIM RUPP
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The Lady Trojans volleyball team closed out their final home game of the season in a familiar fashion – with a win.

The team has had two winning streaks of six or more matches this season, and Tuesday's win pushed the Lady Trojans current streak to four victories.

Taylor (29-10, 6-2 Mid-Central Conference) beat MCC opponent Grace College in three straight sets in Don Odle Arena.

"The best part of this win was seeing our leaders set the consistent tone for the match," Taylor coach Britany Smith said.

In the first game, the Lady Trojans got on the scoreboard when sophomore Jenny Peterson placed a tip in the middle of the Lancer's defense. Junior Doris Mvano hit a roll shot down the middle to give Taylor the 3-2 lead. Peterson added an ace to make it 4-2 in Taylor's favor.

Senior Arlene Friesen pounded down a kill for Taylor, after which junior Emilie York shot the ball down the middle for a kill and a lead of 10-6.

The Lady Lancers took a timeout when the Lady Trojans had pushed their advantage to 12-7.

Junior Maggie Henss

placed a tip down the middle followed by a kill from York to put Taylor ahead 17-9.

Peterson continued to dominate, hammering two kills down, giving Taylor a 23-10 lead.

The Lady Trojans pushed through to the end and allowed the Lancers to score only five more points in Taylor's 30-15 victory.

Taylor took the lead early in the second game when Peterson hit a kill down the line for the first point.

Freshman Allison Budd used an overpass from the Lancers as a kill in Taylor's favor to give the Lady Trojans a 12-7 advantage.

Budd followed her kill with a hit straight down the line for a 13-8 lead.

A double hit called against Grace later raised the score to 22-15, Taylor.

Henss and Budd teamed up for a double block and forced Grace, trailing 24-15, to take a timeout.

Errors hurt the Lady Trojans as the Lady Lancers used Taylor's mistakes to gradually gain momentum and cut Taylor's lead to 29-25.

The Lady Trojans took a timeout and regrouped. York put an end to the game when she placed down a kill for the 30-26 Taylor victory.

A short tip down the line by York gave Taylor the lead 3-2 in the third game. She followed with an ace that gave

Week eight picks

Don't worry, Trevor and Andrew were honest and picked their games over fall break. Unfortunately last week featured a lot of surprising upsets and Trevor and Andrew both went 7-6. Despite the setback, both of the esteemed sports predictors are still ahead of all the ESPN NFL "experts."	
Random thought of the week: Colts at Broncos could be a potential AFC championship preview. It's Peyton's high-powered offense against Devner's stalwart defense. Which one will break?	
Bye weeks: Buffalo, Detroit, Miami, Washington	
Andrew Neel's picks:	Trevor Kight's picks:
Week six: 8-5	Week six: 9-4
Last week: 7-6	Last week: 7-6
Season: 68-32	Season: 69-31
San Francisco 6 @ Chicago 31	San Francisco 13 @ Chicago 35
Atlanta 20 @ Cincinnati 21	Atlanta 24 @ Cincinnati 30
Arizona 17 @ Green Bay 24	Arizona 10 @ Green Bay 28
Houston 13 @ Tennessee 17	Houston 23 @ Tennessee 20
Seattle 17 @ Kansas City 28	Seattle 27 @ Kansas City 31
Baltimore 21 @ New Orl. 31	Baltimore 10 @ New Orl. 28
Tampa Bay 10 @ NY Giants 27	Tampa Bay 13 @ NY Giants 33
Jacksonville 14 @ Phil. 20	Jacksonville 14 @ Phil. 27
St. Louis 17 @ San Diego 41	St. Louis 30 @ San Diego 33
Pittsburgh 31 @ Oakland 13	Pittsburgh 21 @ Oakland 10
NY Jets 21 @ Cleveland 27	NY Jets 28 @ Cleveland 16
Indianapolis 20 @ Denver 17	Indianapolis 9 @ Denver 14
Dallas 14 @ Carolina 23	Dallas 21 @ Carolina 31
New England 31 @ Minn. 21	New England 24 @ Minn. 17

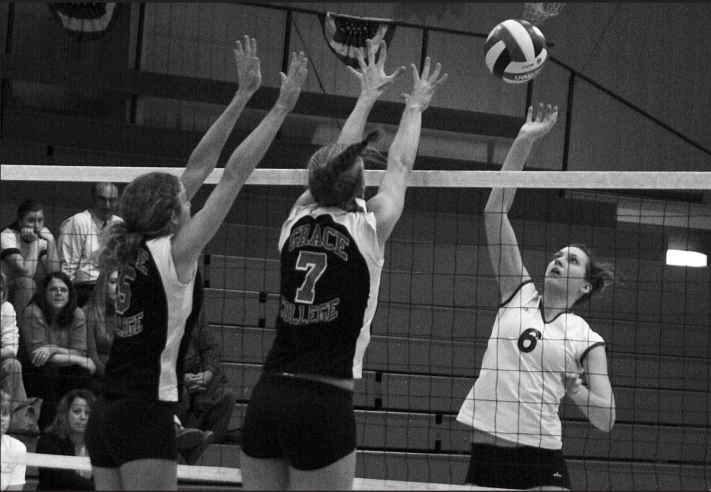


Photo by Tim Huynh
Lady Trojans Junior Emilie York (right) goes for the kill during Wednesday's match against Grace. Taylor won in three sets.